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Congressional Resolution Proclaiming April 30, 1974 A National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God in Lord; and

Whereas, we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God; and

Whereas, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own, and

Whereas, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to fell the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

Whereas, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974 be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and calls upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins

Remember to Pray April 30, 1974

Letter To The Editor

April 1, 1974

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Appomattox, Va. 24522

Dear Editor:

It is pleasing that it has come to my attention that the FFA Alumni might have an opportunity to contribute to such a worthwhile organization.

Many of our citizens in our Community have received a tremendous amount of training and leadership through our local FFA Chapter. Certainly, very few Communities have had a better Chapter and program than Appomattox County.

I am truly indebted to those who have led and continue to lead in this field of our Educational Department Those of us that have passed through the instruction of Agriculture and the Chapter of the Future Farmers of America and feel that it has contributed to their success will now have an opportunity to join a National Organization known as the FFA Alumni Association.

We will charter a local Alumni Association which will be known as the Appomattox FFA Alumni Association. If you feel, as I do, that a local FFA Alumni Association would benefit our Community, please come and be a part of this fine group.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph D. Reynolds, Sr.
Former FFA Member

April 1, 1974

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter in rebuttal to the stand publicly stated by a local Episcopal Minister recently, on the subject of the death penalty. I do have more appreciation for this man, who stands for what he believes, right or wrong, than for those who stand for nothing. But I do feel that his opinion on this subject is erroneous, being contrary to what the word of God teaches. So with limited time and space I would like to note several things, not all, that the Bible tells us about capital punishment or the death penalty. First we note that very early both in the Bible and the race of man, God instituted the death penalty, not only upon man, but animals also. (Genesis 9:5-6 & Exodus 21: 28-29). Second, we find that anyone guilty of murder or idol worship was to die, but this was to happen only at the mouth (testimony) of more than one witness. I have a list of at least eighteen crimes in which it was used in the Bible. Thirdly, we note that God has given the state the responsibility to maintain law and order and if the necessary to use the death penalty. (Proverbs 24:21 - Romans 13: 1 - 4 - I Peter 2: 13 - 14) Fourth, we find that the penalty should fit the crime according to Exodus 21: 23-25. Fifth, we find the reason for such laws in the word of God because of the wickedness in the heart of man, who having the ability to commit any crime, including murder. (Jeremiah 17:9). Now we blame the criminals environment for his unjust deeds. Sixth, these laws in the Bible are for the lawless and disobedient (I Timothy 1 8 - 11) and I do feel that the threats of such laws if enforced, are a hindrance to a person breaking the law. We need stripes for the backs of fools (Proverbs 19:29) and big rocks broken into little ones by those who flagrantly break laws not punishable by death. It seems that the humanist of our day wants to turn our prisons into hotels for vacationers, instead of using them for their purpose, which is punishment. Anyone should lose their rights when committing a crime against society, especially his life, in committing murder. Seventh, I also believe that God created all things, including mankind, which was created in His image (Genesis 1:26-27) and because of this, murder was forbidden. (Genesis 9:6) Some say that the sixth commandment forbids capital punishment but it simply is the protection of life which God holds sacred and the punishment of those who breaks this law. The destruction of anothers character by gossiping long tongues is also a form of murder, which is never considered today. It seems that the religious community and our governmental bodies are blind or hesitant when it comes to the subject of capital punishment. Our government has already turned to humanistic laws and it seems our religious institutions are headed in the same direction. There has been only one criminal executed in the U. S. since 1967, but we have had almost eight years of which every crime imaginable has been committed against society. With the break down of law and order, our society will disintergrate and anarchy will be our final state. God grant us the grace to turn back to His form of government, instead of the modernist and humanistic form, before it is to late. The warning of such a course is amply said in Psalms 9:17--The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.

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The Bible and Capital Punishment

The very basis of capital punishment or the death penalty is found in the Word of God. According to the best Hebrew scholars the sixth commandment should be translated "Thou shalt do no murder." God first imposed the death penalty for murder in Genesis 9:6, "Whosoever shedeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." The death penalty is implicitly demanded in Numbers 35:31-34. We find in Acts 25:11 that the Apostle Paul recognized that there were certain deeds "worthy of death." From Romans 13:3-44 we find that magistrates were never ordained of God for the purpose of reforming reprobates or pampering degenerates, but to exercise retributive justice. Capital punishment was never imposed merely for the deterrence of crime but because it is essentially retributive justice. When we fail to enforce the proper penalty upon the guilty it means that all the punishment for the crime is demanded of the innocent, the victim. Capital punishment spread throughout the western civilization because of the influence of Christianity. The opposition to capital punishment which got well underway in the eighteenth century was led by atheists and deists. Today there are many under the cloke of religion that oppose the death penalty and thus pretend to be more merciful than God Himself. Capital punsihment is ever endorsed by fundamental orthodox Christianity. The legal execution of the murderer is not performed because of personal revenge but is justice applied by society under the authority of God.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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Appomattox, Va. 24522

The Pastor Speaks

THE FAMILY ALTAR

"It has been said, "If we paid more attention to the high chair, there would be no need for the electric chair.

For many years the family altar has been a Christian institution. In recent years with so many intrusions into family life it is disappearing. When the children are small, parents can begin the family altar. A husband and wife can have a family altar, too! In Deuteronomy 16, we can read how the entire family gathered to worship God. It was ordered of God to do this. One of Israel's greatest sources of strength was its worship of God by the entire family. Many today's families do not find time to worship together in the home, and consequently walk toward many dangers.

The strength of the family is its togetherness. This cannot be any more than by the solemn family altar worship of the entire family as a family unit. It is true that the "families that **pray** together **stay** together," today just as in older times. The strength of the United States will never rise above our family strength; our family strength depends almost entirely upon the religious fabric and moral support which comes from it. If the family breaks down our democracy cannot long survive. Our government is built on honor of honesty of, integrity of and confidence in individuals who compose it. When household religion goes out the family window, some other form of government comes in to take over. The importance of home worship cannot be overstated.

When should family worship take place? For most, right after the evening meal. Reserve this time and let nothing interfere. Each family will need to select a time most suitable.

The service should be brief and to the point, not a time to wear everyone out by long Bible readings, or long, rambling prayers. If Scripture is read, it should be brief and with brief comments to the point.

If the father is not a Christian, then the mnother should conduct this service: Older Christian children could also do it. **Home Life, Upper Room, Open Windows,** or others could be used as a guide.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6.

Deryl B. Holliday, Sr.
New Hope Baptist Church
Vera, Va.

Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Just wanted to thank you for the tremendous publicity in regard to pre-school registration.

We had 117 kindergarteners to register and have enrolled 144 first year students.

We know the "headlines" helped.

Thank you,
Pat Torrence, Principal
Appomattox Primary School

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, April 7, 1974.

Topic: Serving in Supportive Roles

Scripture: Acts 9: 1-43.

As in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12: 4-5.

So much emphasis has been given to the dramatic conversion of Saul of Tarsus that it comes as something of a surprise to find another message drawn and another emphasis given to Acts 9, as is done in this week's International Sunday School lesson.

The contrast is striking. Saul, who became Paul after he had begun his missionary labors which took him to Gentiles in Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome, through his preaching and his writings became one of the preeminent Christians of all time. His dedication, his industry, his evangelistic zeal, his brilliant and penetrating interpretation of the Christian gospel have left their impact on all succeeding generations of Christians.

But there are supportive roles to be played in the drama of advancing God's kingdom as well as leading roles, such as Paul, Peter, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, William Carey and others have played. Paul's entry into the Christian Church was no solo event. Had God not provided supporters for him, he would never have had the opportunity to do the great work he did.

The Scriptures mention two men who had key parts in securing acceptance for Saul of Tarsus by Christians in Damascus and Jerusalem. Not surprisingly disciples of Jesus feared and distrusted Saul, for he had vigorously persecuted them. Believers in Damascus knew the purpose of Saul's trip there: when he appeared among them as a fellow believer, they were unbelieving. Had it not been for Ananias, Saul would not likely have been accepted in the Damascus church. Ananias would not have visited Saul and sponsored him among the Damascus Christians if God had not revealed to him that he should do so. Ananias' approach to Saul dispelled any fear of non-acceptance Saul may have had.

When Saul had to leave Damascus because of the opposition his preaching of Christ raised against him, he returned to Jerusalem, only to find Christians there suspicious of him. Again God raised a sponsor for Saul, this time Barnabas, who vouched for the new convert. Fierce opposition made it necessary for Saul to leave Jerusalem, and he went home to Tarsus. Jewish non-Christians never forgave Saul for becoming a Christian, and their opposition to him was even more bitter than it was toward other Christians.

Barnabas was a second time instrumental in giving Saul the opportunity for Christian service. When a great revival developed in Antioch of Syria, the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to investigate. Barnabas recognized that the revival was the work of the Holy Spirit, and he saw that Saul could be useful in it. So he went to Tarsus and brought Saul with him to Antioch. Later the two were sent out by the Antioch church on a missionary tour.

The importance of Ananias and Barnabas to Paul's ministry is obvious. Their sponsorship of Saul of Tarsus indicates that the greatest people need the support and aid of others. A general is credited with winning a battle or ... his staff, his su... officers, and the s... essential to the ... some it is given ... leading roles at the ... center of the stage ... but just as in any ... production the lead... are made possible b... ive roles in the ... behind the scenes.

Dorcas is another ... who in her minist... needs of those ar... played an important ... Christian witness at ... is typical of the ... Christians who in ... to human need serv... they serve their fell... Ananias, Barnabas ... represent the masses ... Christians who work ... in their quiet ways, ... fame and prominence ... are essential to the ... and expansion of the ... Church. Men may ... them, but God does.

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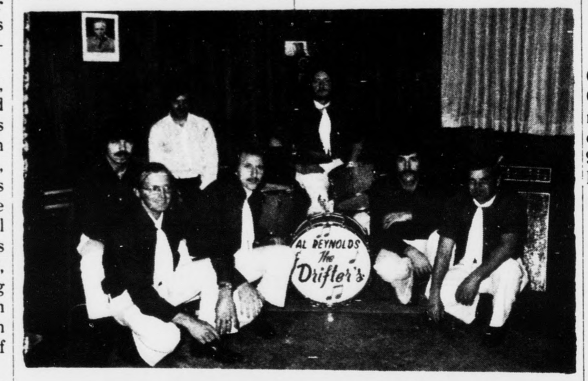

Firemen to Host Dance

The Pamplin Volunteer Fire Department will host a round and square dance Saturday night April 6 at 9:00. This dance will be held in the Pamplin Fire Station and is being given in order to raise funds for the department. Music will be provided by "Al Reynolds and The Drifters". Come out, support the firemen, and have a good time. (left to right) front row: Buddy Greene, Gene Paulette, Al Reynolds, Donald D. Giles. Back Row, l to r: Roger O'Brien, Wayne Giles, E. W. Paulette.

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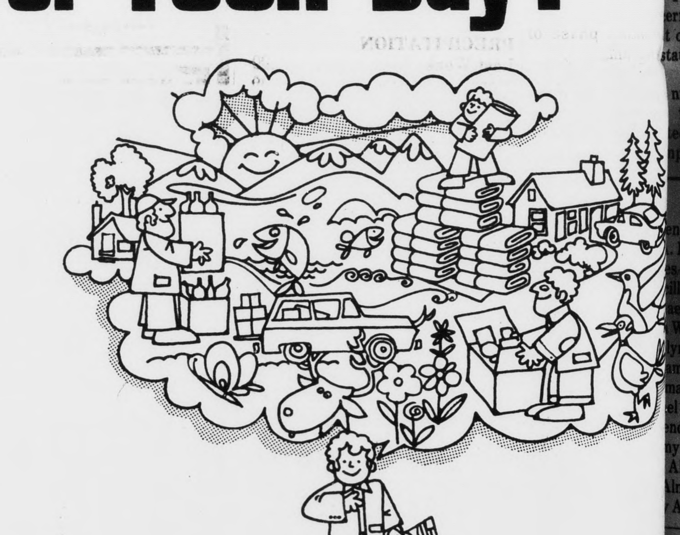

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...ochures have been printed ...ncing program objectives ...ds and provide an enrollment form. These will be ...ibuted within a few days.

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...w would you like a ...ette with no tobacco or ...e a non-tobacco mixture in ...pipe? Synthetic tobaccos ...become a reality. ...perial Chemical Industries Ltd. and Imperial Group are involved in a joint $25 ... venture in Scotland. ... Celanese Corporation has ...tedly been working with ...her, B.A.T. and Rothmans ...man-made substitutes. In ... cases, commercial production will not begin until 1976 ... emphasis on consumer ...ptance directed largely ...rd Great Britain.

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... Carson, County Chair... of the Citizens Committee ...development of the South... Piedmont Research Station ...appointed John Wilson to ...station's livestock committee. This committee will be ...erned with the development of the livestock phase of ...station's program.

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... number of county farmers ... the slide program pre...ted by Chevron Chemical ...pany during a winter meeting on a new concept of re-establishing legumes in grass stands and alfalfa in weak alfalfa stands. This week we are setting up demonstration sites for work either this spring or next fall. The John and William Hix Dairy Farm will be one demonstration site where red clover will be seeded in an orchard grass stand.

Paraquat is used to repress the grass growth and the legume is seeded with a zip seeder. Chevron Chemical Company has a zip seeder that is being loaned for the demonstration work.

Interested farmers should contact this office if you are interested.

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We've had several calls about the use of 36% Cal phosphate. Essentially this is a rock phosphate which means that it becomes available slowly.

Technical Bulletin 178 published in 1965 discusses field experiments with rock phosphates in Virginia. The response varies between crops, soil types, longevity of crop and season of year in which it grows.

For example, this work shows that for alfalfa it takes 1.7 pounds of P_2O_5 from rock phosphate to equal 1 pound of P_2O_5 from rock phosphate to equal 1 pound of P_2O_5 from 20% super phosphate; and for wheat it takes 4.2 pounds of P_2O_5 from rock phosphate to equal 1 pound of P_2O_5 from 20% super phosphate.

Some "pencil pushing" will show you which is the best buy. As prices change--your selection of a fertilizer good may also change.

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Don't forget the Cross Bred Gilt Sale Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Farmville Livestock Market.

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PRECIPITATION

Last Week	1.00
Month of March	3.39
Normal for March	3.48
This Month	.22
This Year	9.93
Normal for this Year	9.34

BIRTHDAY LIST

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... Harvey	April 1
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... Wayne	April 7
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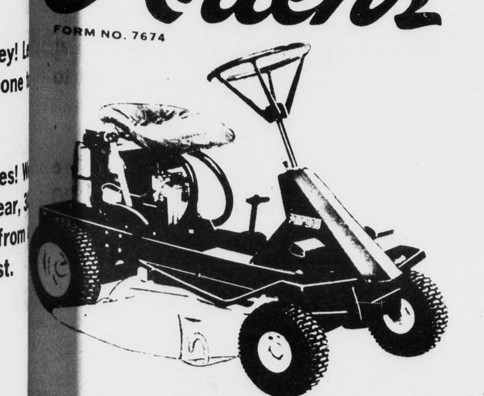

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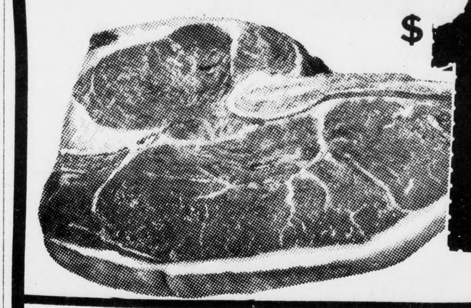
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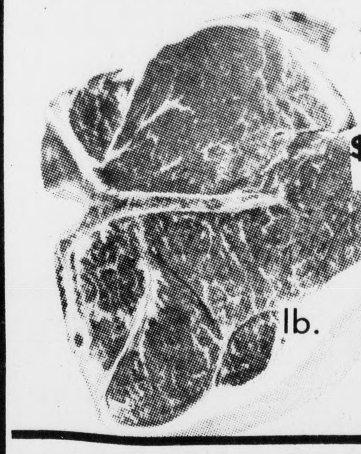
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Sirloin Tip or Rump Roast
$1.69 lb.

Cube Steaks lb. $1.99
Full Cut Round Steak lb. $1.69
Ground Round lb. $1.49
Bacon Mallow Crisp lb. 99¢
Turkey Breasts lb. $1.29

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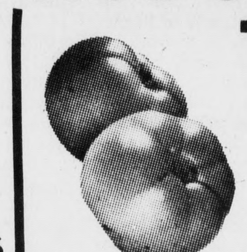
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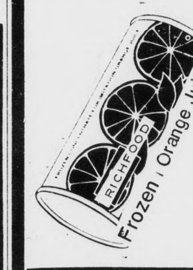
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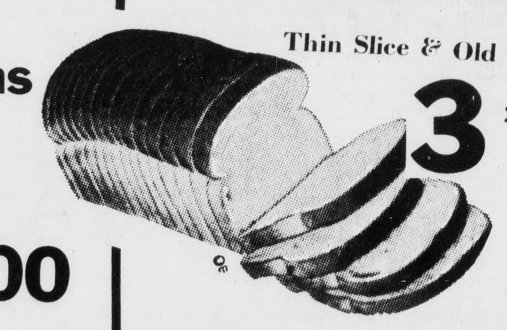
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